

## DEDICATION

The Virginia Tech Review Panel invited the families of the victims to lend their words as a dedication of this report. The panel is honored to share their words of love, remembrance, and strength.

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We dedicate this report not solely to those who lost their lives at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007, and to those physically and/or psychologically wounded on that dreadful morning, but also to every student, teacher, and institution of learning, that we may all safely fulfill our goals of learning, educating, and enriching humanity's stores of knowledge: the very arts and sciences that ennoble us.\*

"Love does not die, people do. So when all that is left of me is love...  
Give me away...." – *John Wayne Schlatter*

"This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind...let it be something good." – *Anonymous*

"We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once. And we should call every truth false which was not accompanied by at least one laugh." – *Friedrich Nietzsche*

"Unable are the loved to die, for Love is Immortality." – *Emily Dickinson*

32 candles burning bright for all to see,  
Lifting up the world for peace and harmony,  
Those of us who are drawn to the lights,  
enduringly embedded in our mind, indelibly  
ingrained on our heart, forever identifying our spirit,  
We call out your name:  
Erin, Ryan, Emily, Reema, Daniel, Matthew, Kevin, Brian, Jarrett, Austin, Henry,  
Liviu, Nicole, Julia, Lauren, Partahi, Jamie, Jeremy, Rachel, Caitlin, Maxine, Jocelyne,  
Leslie, Juan, Daniel, Ross, G.V., Mary, Matthew, Minal, Michael, Waleed,  
and,  
hold these truths ever so tight,  
your lives have great meaning, your lives have great power, your lives will *never* be  
forgotten, YOU will *always* be remembered,  
--never and always . . .  
  
– *Pat Craig*

\*Neither this dedication nor the use herein of the victims' photos or bios represents an endorsement of the report by the victims' families.



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Student since fall 2005  
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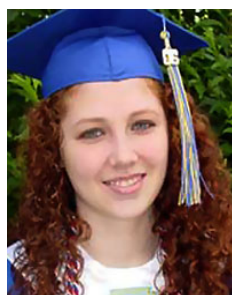
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Joined Virginia Tech on  
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Sciences  
Bachelor of Arts, English  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology



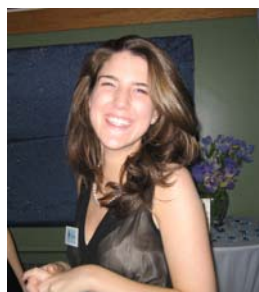
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Student since fall 2006  
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Student since fall 2001  
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Masters student, Civil Engineering  
Student since fall 2006  
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Freshman, University Studies  
Student since fall 2006

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Bachelor of Science, Biological  
Sciences



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Freshman, Animal and Poultry  
Sciences  
Student since fall 2006

Posthumous degree:  
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Poultry Sciences



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Posthumous degree:  
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Senior, Civil Engineering  
Student since fall 2003

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Engineering



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Sophomore, University Studies  
Student since fall 2005

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Bachelor of Arts, Political Science



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Sophomore, Computer Engineering  
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Engineering



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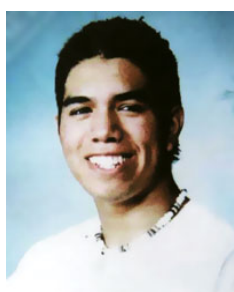
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Engineering  
Student since fall 2006  
  
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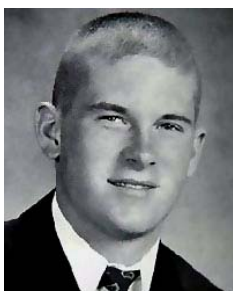
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Masters student, Architecture  
Student since fall 2006  
  
Posthumous degree:  
Master of Science, Architecture



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Sophomore, International Studies  
Student since summer 2006  
  
Posthumous degree:  
Bachelor of Arts, International  
Studies



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Student since fall 2006  
  
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Studies



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Senior, Biological Sciences  
Student since fall 2002  
  
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Sciences



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Masters student, Biological  
Systems Engineering  
Student since fall 2001  
  
Posthumous degree:  
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Systems Engineering



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Freshman, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Student since fall 2006  
  
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Studies





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Posthumous degrees:  
Bachelor of Arts, International Studies  
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Affairs



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Student since fall 2006

Posthumous degree:  
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Student since fall 2005

Posthumous degrees:  
Bachelor of Arts, History  
Bachelor of Arts, International Studies



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Senior, Honors Program, Chemical  
Engineering  
Student since fall 2003

Posthumous degree: Bachelor of  
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